

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-43 and 45-46 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 42, 45 and 46 have been amended by this amendment. Claims 44 and 47-49 have been canceled without disclaiming their subject matter.

1. Claim 1

Claim 1 was objected to because of lack of antecedent basis.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct informalities.

2. Claims 42-46

Claims 42 and 43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,191,826) in view of Kunihiro (Japanese Patent No. 10-198320).

Claims 44-46 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 42 has been amended to incorporate feature of claim 44, which has been canceled by this amendment.

Therefore, claims 42, 43, 45 and 46 are allowable.

In view of the above, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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